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Loosestrife

Burncoose offers two different species of *Lysimachia* with somewhat different characteristics. *L. vulgaris* is the commonest form of this plant which has readily naturalised itself along hedges, rough ground and beside railway lines. The varieties which we have available are rather less invasive and more attractive in the herbaceous border. As I write this care note in Seaview on the Isle of Wight I am looking out of the window at a developing clump of *L. clethroides* which is only just producing its flower heads in mid-July.

Lysimachia are perfectly happy in a moist herbaceous border but they are perhaps at their best in a bog garden or on the edges of ponds or streams. The species which we supply are frost hardy.

L. ciliata 'Firecracker' is an erect, rhizomatous perennial with ovate hairy purple-brownish leaves. It spreads into a good clump quickly in the border. It produces star-shaped yellow flowers with reddish-brown centres in summer. The overall height of a mature clump can be up to 4ft so plant supports are advisable in very windy areas but, otherwise, probably not necessary.



L. ciliata 'Firecracker'



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L. ciliata 'Firecracker' &
Hosta 'Francee'



Lysimachia clethroides



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L. clethroides &
Agapanthus umbellatus



L. punktata 'Alexander'



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